

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA  
WESTERN DIVISION**

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Civil No. 1:19-cv-00150-DMT-ARS
	)	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to the Court’s October 14, 2025, order, ECF No. 474, the parties submit this status report on the status of settlement negotiations. The parties have reached a settlement agreement in principle, subject to final approval by appropriate officials, and are presently negotiating the precise terms of that agreement. However, those negotiations were temporarily paused due to the lapse in federal appropriations. The parties continue to believe that this case can be resolved with a settlement that would lead to dismissing the related appeal in *North Dakota v. United States of America*, No. 25-2276, Doc. No. 5546613 (8th Cir.), and they are endeavoring to finalize the terms of that agreement in an expeditious manner.

The parties submit that further abeyance of this case is appropriate to permit those settlement negotiations to continue, which will promote judicial efficiency and conserve resources without the need for this Court’s further action. The parties will submit another status report within 60 days.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on November 19, 2025, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of the filing to any party who has entered an appearance in this matter via the e-mail addresses provided in CM/ECF.

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